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Dear Dr. Wheeler:

Tobacco usage is a leading presentable cause of disease and disability in South Carolina. A higher percentage of black males and low income females continue smoking in South Carolina. These populations could be targeted for education and cessation programs. The SC Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers supports the coalition project in its initial efforts to more effectively address tobacco prevention and control. SC NASW could help the coalition in its initial efforts by educating its members about the extent of the health problems caused by tobacco usage. SC NASW additionally could assist the coalition by working to pass legislation which addresses the problem. Our association believes that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the American Cancer Society of South Carolina can successfully administer a contract to support the coalition project.

We look forward to participating in this exciting and worthy undertaking.

Sincerely,

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